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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SEMINAR ON NUCLEAR EXCAVATION

1. ACCORDING E.F. BLACK, RETIRED U.S. ARMY BRIGADIER GENERAL EMPLOYED BY THAI OIL REFINING CORP. (TORC), OFFICIALS AT BANGKOK'S OFFICE OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACE ARE GIVING CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSAL FLOATED BY BLACK THAT THAILAND OFFER TO HOST SEMINAR ON NUCLEAR EXCAVATION ALLEGEDLY SCHEDULED FOR EARLY 1977 BY INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY.

2. BLACK'S INTEREST STEMS FROM FACT THAT HIS EMPLOYER K.Y. CHOW, PRESIDENT OF TORC, IS SPONSOR OF PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT SHIPPING CANAL ACROSS KRA ISTHMUS, AND MR. CHOW HOPES USG WILL EVENTUALLY SELL NUCLEAR DEVICES TO BE USED FOR EXCAVATION.

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3. CANAL PROJECT ITSELF IS DORMANT, ALTHOUGH ACCORDING MR.
CHOW HE WILL, AFTER STABLE GOVERNMENT IF FORMED, SEEK FROM
RTG RIGHTS TO CONSTRUCT CANAL, THEN PURSUE FINANCING AND
"PLOW SHARE" AUTHORITY.
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